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SUBJ: "REGRETTABLE" PORTUGUESE MILITARY SUPPORT FOR MPLA

REF: KINSHASA 4686

1. OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWSAGENCY (AZAP) RELEASE DATED JULY 14 ALLEGES OPEN PORTUGUESE TANK SUPPORT FOR MPLA TROOPS. SAYS SIX FNLA POSITIONS NOW UNDER ATTACK FROM ALL SIDES BY MPLA FORCES SUPPORTED BY PORTUGUESE. NOTES PORTUGUESE ACTION VIOLATES KINSHASA UNDERSTANDING OF JUNE 1 (REFTEL), UNDERSTANDING WHICH ZAIRE HAS RESPECTED. RELEASE CONCLUDES THAT, WHILE ZAIRE HAS TAKEN NO OFFICIAL POSITION ON VIOLATION, PORTUGUESE ARMY ATTITUDE IS TO BE "REGRETTED". BUT SUBSEQUENT DEPTFONAFF COMMUNIQUE, BROADCAST ON OFFICIAL VOICE OF ZAIRE RADIO MORNING JULY 14, ACCUSED GOP OF COMPLICITY IN HELPING

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MPLA AND CALLED ON ALL NATIONS TO HALT "DIRECT OR INDIRECT"

AID TO INDIVIDUAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. SAME GOZ COMMUNIQUE STRONGLY DENIES CHARGES ALLEGEDLY PUBLISHED IN ZAMBIAN SUNDAY TIMES THAT ZAIRE CONTRIBUTING TO ESCALATION OF INTERNAL CONFLICT IN ANGOLA.

2. COMMENT: PUBLIC POSTURE OF GOZ SINCE JUNE 2 UNDERSTANDING WITH PORTUGAL (REF) HAS BEEN THAT ZAIRE AND PORTUGAL HAVE AGREED TO BACK NO FAVORITES IN ANGOLA. THIS LINE WAS REAFFIRMED BY MOBUTU IN JULY 3 INTERVIEW BY FRANCE-INTER. DEPTFONAFF COMMUNIQUE PREPARES GROUND FOR POSSIBLE SHIFT IN GOZ POSTURE. ONE POSSIBILITY IS THAT PORTUGUEST CONSUL GENERAL, WHO RETURNED TO KINSHASA JUNE 24 AS RESULT OF AGREEMENT ON JUNE 2 TO "NORMALIZE RELATIONS", MIGHT AGAIN BE ASKED BY GOZ TO LEAVE.

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